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In re Application of :  
Thomas C. Mielenhausen :  
Application No. 09/309,831 :  
Filed: May 11, 1999 :  
Attorney Docket No. 90021-3 :  
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ON PETITION

This is a decision in response to the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed March 16, 2007, to revive the above-identified application.

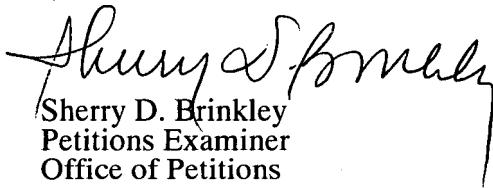
The petition is GRANTED.

This application became abandoned for failure to timely respond pursuant to 37 CFR 1.304 to a decision by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences mailed September 29, 2006. A Notice of Abandonment was mailed December 18, 2006. In response, the present petition was filed.

The petition satisfies the requirements of 37 CFR 1.137(b) in that petitioner has supplied (1) the reply in the form of a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and fee of \$395, and the submission required by 37 CFR 1.114; (2) the petition fee of \$750; and (3) an adequate statement of unintentional delay.

This application is being referred to Technology Center AU 2178 for processing of the RCE and for appropriate action by the Examiner in the normal course of business on the amendment submitted in accordance with 37 CFR 1.114.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3204. Inquiries relating to further prosecution should be directed to the Technology Center.

  
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